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Education

- **Quest University**, Squamish, BC, Canada *Sep 2015 – Present*
 - Candidate for Bachelor of Arts and Science (May 2019); 3.7/4.0 GPA
 - Major: Philosophy & Cognitive Science; Advisor: Dr. Darcy Otto
 - Honors thesis: *On the Possibility of a Functional Account of the Illusion of Consciousness*
- **Eötvös Loránd University**, Budapest, Hungary, EU *Sep 2017 – Jan 2018*
 - Attended the Budapest Semester in Cognitive Science, 4.9/5.0 GPA
- **United World College Maastricht**, Maastricht, The Netherlands, EU *Sep 2012 – May 2014*
 - Graduated with the International Baccalaureate Diploma

Research Experience

- **Quest University**, Squamish, BC, Canada *Jan 2019 – Present*
 - Researched temporal accounts of computation as a Quest Winter Fellow
- **Eötvös Loránd University**, Budapest, Hungary, EU *Jun 2018 – Sep 2018*
 - Compiled a bibliography on the ethics of autonomous systems for Dr. Zsófia Zvolenszky to aid a newly established autonomous vehicles research group
- **University of Sussex**, United Kingdom, EU *Dec 2017 – Jan 2018*
 - Reviewed literature in Philosophy of Computation and wrote a paper under Dr. Ron Chrisley on Time-Continuous Turing Machines

Publications and Presentations

- **IACAP**, Warsaw, Poland, EU *Jun 2018*
 - Presented on “Time-Continuous Turing Machines” at the Annual Meeting of the International Association for Computing and Philosophy
- **Momenta Quest Academic Journal**, Squamish, BC, Canada *Apr 2018*
 - Published a paper on “Time-Continuous Turing Machines” in the Momenta Quest Academic Journal

Honors and Awards

- Quest University \$4000 3-month undergraduate research fellowship (*Nov 2018*)
- Quest President's Honors: GPA in the top 10% of the student body (*Spring 2017, Spring 2018*)
- Merit based Academic Excellence Fellowship to attend the Semester in Cognitive Science Program at the Eötvös Loránd University (*Sep 2018*)
- Quest Outstanding Community Contribution Award (*May 2016*)
- Four-year Quest University Presidential Scholarships for academic excellence (*Sep 2015*)
- A two-year scholarship from the UWC Czech National Committee to attend the United World College Maastricht (*Sep 2012*)

Community Involvement

- **Organizer at the Our_Futures Conference**, Squamish, BC, Canada *Sep 2016 – Present*
 - Organized 3 editions of an undergraduate academic conference
 - Chaired the Our_Minds panel on the possibility of artificial consciousness and the limits of computation
- **Coordinator of the Quest Philosophy Society**, Squamish, BC, Canada *Sep 2018 – Present*
 - Organized and facilitated philosophy symposia on a number of topics including philosophy of consciousness, ethics of autonomous systems, and the limits of computation
- **Peer-tutor at Quest University**, Squamish, BC, Canada *Nov 2018*
 - Peer-tutored an undergraduate course on Plato's Republic and Nicomachean ethics
- **Counselor at the Computers & Cognition Camp**, Squamish, BC, Canada *August 2018*
 - Prepared and facilitated activities introducing children age of 6-12 to ideas from computer science, cognitive science, and philosophy at a week-long summer camp
- **Organizer at Utopia**, Prague, Czechia, EU *Aug 2016 – Aug 2018*
 - Organized an annual two-week interdisciplinary academic gathering focused on the question "What is a good life?"
 - Presented on the Turing Limit (*2017*) and the Semantics of Computation (*2018*)

Work Experience

- **Academic Advisor at the 1RIC Studio**, LA, United States *Jul 2018 – Aug 2018*
 - Researched current topic in AI ethics and epistemology to advise the script of an AI themed augmented reality experience for the Sundance Film Festival
- **Designer/Developer at Quest University**, Squamish, BC, Canada *Sep 2015 – Dec 2018*
 - Collaborated with the admissions team on designing and developing promotional materials
- **Chatbot Designer/Developer at Messenger**, Prague, Czechia, EU *Jul 2017 – Aug 2017*
 - Developed and tested Node.js based chatbot solution with NLP capabilities
- **Co-founder at Noema AI**, Berlin, Germany, EU *Sep 2014 – Aug 2015*
 - Designed and developed UX/UI for a voice-based social network